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2. Kaganovich handled the construction of the park very efficiently and his suggestions and remarks were accepted immediately. Kaganovich really enjoyed popularity and was called by his subordinates, "our master" in distinction from "the master," who was of course Stalin. He always made a favorable impression on people upon entering a place of meeting. In his political orientation, he was considered an orthodox Stalinist.
3. Vyshinsky, Andrey Ya - During 1937 there was a strong drive in Moscow to popularize the so-called Stalin Constitution. Vyshinsky, who was at that time prosecutor of the USSR, was asked, along with other prominent lecturers, to deliver a lecture on the constitution. It is interesting to note that the first row in the lecture hall was reserved exclusively for the NKVD. Vyshinsky appeared on the stage alone, but there were NKVD agents behind the stage curtains. The audience, as it was proved later, was composed of people who were not necessarily interested in the Stalin Constitution, but who suffered under the Soviet regime. During the question period many questions were submitted in writing, but only twenty were selected for answering, with the statement that the remainder were of the same character as the ones which were being answered. [redacted] some of the rejected questions [redacted] were entirely different from those being answered. They dealt with the problems of the arrested relatives, appeals to Vyshinsky for justice, etc. Some of them were of a rather insulting nature, saying that the new constitution will do no good, or "Vyshinsky when will you stop lying, etc. The NKVD personnel became somewhat confused and could not arrest the writers of these notes. Vyshinsky answered one of the questions attacking

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him personally in a very brusque and clever manner.

4. In connection with the lecture, the question arose as to the amount of remuneration Vyshinsky should be given for the lecture. Those who had asked him to lecture were afraid of hurting his feelings by offering him too little, and if they offered him too much, it was feared he would take them to task for recklessly spending public funds, because he was the prosecutor of the USSR. Finally he was offered 250 rubles with the statement that this was the maximum that the organization pays for the lecture, and Vyshinsky accepted through his secretary.

5. Khrushchev, Nikita Sergeevich - In 1935 Khrushchev replaced Kaganovich as the secretary of the Moscow Oblast and City Committee. If Kaganovich appeared to be a cultured individual, Khrushchev certainly gave an entirely different impression -- that of a "muzik." He betrayed his low culture through his very crude manner of speech.

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Khrushchev sought popularity among the children and it was his idea to organize the regional parks of culture.

6. Kaganovich's security was handled according to certain prescribed patterns. His visits were not preceded by NKVD; they merely accompanied him wherever he went. Khrushchev, on the other hand, was guarded quite differently. In the morning of his expected visit, two NKVD men arrived at the park and established a strict vigilance. They immediately requisitioned the telephone and kept the line open to Lublianka until after the visit.

7. Mikoyan, Anastasy I - [redacted] the auditorium of the Poly-technical Museum [redacted] was assigned to the Commissariat of Foreign Trade for a large meeting at night. It was a closed session restricted to party personnel only, and the speaker was Mikoyan. Two NKVD agents arrived in the morning and requested me to show them all exits, all cellars, and attics. They immediately proceeded to work out measures of protection for Mikoyan. After the lecture, ardent Party members came out with high praises for Mikoyan. In general, Mikoyan enjoyed more popularity than Kaganovich and Khrushchev.

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8. Shvernik, N M - [redacted] during the parade of the Physical Culture Committees of the Trade Unions [redacted] he made a speech to which no one listened. Later on Shvernik came to a little building in the park where refreshments were being served [redacted] He gave the impression of being a very gray individual; as gray as his speech had been. This was particularly noticeable since he was in a crowd of very interesting people with many military men such as Marshal Blucher.

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9. Yudin, Pavel Fedorovich - I met him casually during his philosophy lecture,

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10. [redacted] He lived in a very modest apartment, as well as in the Government House on the Bolotnoy Square. Yudin is quite a chess man, but plays rather poorly. He is of Jewish origin, with a very high forehead indicating intelligence. At that time he had reddish hair.

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11. Yudin is without doubt a most ardent Communist, not only a confirmed one, but also belonging to the group of Mitin and Pospelov, which is a group of theoreticians working on the theory of today's Marxism. There was also a certain Mints in that group (later a member of the Academy) who at that time was the editor of the "History of the Red Army" and the "History of the Civil War," or something of that nature. Although it appeared from the outside that Yudin, Mints, and Mitin closely followed the same line, actually they were competing with each other. 25X1
12. Mints gave one the impression of being a very reserved and gruff person. 25X1 Yudin, on the other hand, endeavored to create an impression of a cultured and sociable man, but always tried not to waste his time unnecessarily.

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